

# Weekly Weather Crop Report

Week Ending: June 30, 1996

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 6.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending June 30, 1996. The main farming activities for the week included checking fields for insects and controlling grasses and weeds. Cattlemen are harvesting hay but some acreage has low production due to the shortage of moisture. Soil moisture is 6 percent very short, 26 percent short, 64 percent adequate and 4 percent surplus.

Progress in Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1995	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	83	66	80	66	0	6	21	63	10
	Dough	26	18	37	23					
Cotton	Squaring	96	89	94	74	0	3	18	62	17
	Setting Bolls	30	6	14	11					
Rice	Heading	8	1	3	2	0	5	29	51	15
Sorghum	Emerged	100	100	100	97	0	2	31	58	9
	Heading	36	23	14	19					
Soybeans	Planted	99	98	98	88	0	5	38	48	9
	Emerged	98	96	93	81					
	Blooming	47	22	20	9					
Wheat	Harvested	100	96	96	89	--	--	--	--	--
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	47	35	50	52	4	13	30	50	3
Peaches	Harvested	53	48	29	46	8	34	33	20	5
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	80	64	88	88	0	1	19	79	1
Watermelons	Harvested	31	--	0	1	0	4	33	48	15
Blueberries						3	29	36	26	6
Cattle						1	6	26	60	7
Pasture						4	11	29	51	5

## County Agent Comments

"It's dry in most areas of the county. All crops can use some rain. There are no major problems with insects and diseases."

— Melvin Oatis, Benton County

"Cotton continues to improve. Corn potential is excellent but could use some rain. Pastures and hay are improving, also."

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

"Worms in cotton fields are beginning to increase. We are beginning to spray some of these fields. Corn in the county is also looking good. Soybeans are really beginning to bloom and look good."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Boll weevils are beginning to plague cotton, especially older cotton that is blooming or on the verge of blooming. The average weevils pressure is from 8 percent punctured squares, to a high of 60 percent in localized spots. Aphids are beginning to flare in some fields."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

"About half the county is getting very dry. Weeds are still a problem in some soybean fields. Pastures and hay meadows are well below normal on production. Cattlemen are already getting concerned. Hot weather is reducing milk production."

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha County

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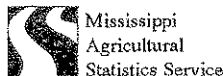
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**Weather Summary From June 24, 1996 to June 30, 1996 For Mississippi**

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	92	69	83	80	+3	0.30	-0.77	1	3.24	102	79	90	0.28
Cleveland	94	70	82			0.05		2	1.21				
Tunica	96	60	80	80	+0	0.00	-0.94	0	3.83	98	82	90	
Extreme/Average	96	60	82	80	+2	0.12	-0.89	1	2.76	102	79	90	0.28
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	93	60	79	77	+3	0.00	-0.83	0	6.32	96	77	87	0.26
Memphis	94	66	82	81	+1	0.05	-1.13	1	9.12				
Oxford	94	62	81	78	+3	0.15	-0.77	1	4.49				
Extreme/Average	94	60	81	78	+2	0.07	-0.91	1	6.31	96	77	87	0.26
3. Northeast													
Booneville	92	64	79	78	+1	0.49	-0.23	2	1.56				
Corinth	98	66	82	79	+3	1.28	+0.47	1	3.92				
Iuka	93	58	77			0.05		1	3.05				
Pontotoc	93	63	80	78	+2	0.00	-0.86	0	5.15	96	79	88	0.29
Tupelo	93	65	80	79	+2	0.18	-0.63	1	7.33				
Verona	95	65	81			0.08		1	4.20	93	75	85	0.27
Extreme/Average	98	58	80	78	+2	0.35	-0.46	1	4.20	96	75	86	0.28
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	95	66	81	81	+0	0.00	-0.74	0	0.38	100	87	93	
Greenwood	97	69	83	81	+2	0.00	-0.98	0	1.47				
Rolling Fork	96	65	82			0.15	-0.52	1	0.44	108	87	97	0.21
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	95	66	82	81	+1	0.00	-0.80	0	0.16				
Extreme/Average	97	65	82	81	+1	0.04	-0.76	0	0.61	108	87	95	0.21
5. Central													
Carthage	93	64	80	79	+1	0.18	-0.55	1	1.69				
Jackson	92	65	81	81	-0	0.45	-0.20	3	2.99				
Winona	90	62	77	77	+1	0.00	-0.79	0	0.88				
Extreme/Average	93	62	79	79	+0	0.21	-0.61	1	1.85				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	98	71	86			0.00	-0.74	0	2.41	97	80	89	
Columbus	94	64	81			0.00		0	2.19				
State University	105	65	83	79	+4	0.08	-0.70	2	3.28	106	78	92	
Extreme/Average	105	64	83	79	+4	0.03	-0.73	1	2.63	106	78	90	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	93	69	81			1.39		2	6.18	96	78	87	
Natchez	91	68	79	81	-1	1.05	+0.24	3	3.84				
Oakley	93	66	80			1.33	+0.35	3	5.92	100	76	87	
Vicksburg	92	69	81			0.65		1	3.68				
Extreme/Average	93	66	81	81	-0	1.11	+0.21	2	4.91	100	76	87	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	93	69	82	81	+1	0.82	-0.20	2	6.33				
McComb	94	69	81	79	+2	0.00	-1.06	0	2.96				
Extreme/Average	94	69	81	80	+1	0.41	-0.63	1	4.65				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	97	65	82			0.00		0	3.88	106	76	90	
Hattiesburg	94	69	82	80	+2	0.02	-0.93	1	2.69				
Laurel													
Meridian	93	67	80	79	+1	0.25	-0.68	1	1.48				
Newton	94	65	81	79	+2	0.04	-0.69	2	3.59	92	75	83	0.24
Extreme/Average	97	65	81	79	+2	0.08	-0.79	1	2.91	106	75	86	0.24
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis													
Biloxi	96	73	84			2.10		1	4.21				
Gulfport	94	72	82	81	+1	0.51	-0.76	2	6.25				
Pascagoula	93	68	80	82	-1								
Poplarville	95	69	82	81	+1	0.64	-0.45	2	5.39	98	77	86	0.26
Extreme/Average	96	68	82	81	+1	1.08	-0.10	2	5.28	98	77	86	0.26
State	105	58	81	80	+2	0.35	-0.56	1	3.61	108	75	88	0.25

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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